

City Softball Loops Marked By High Scores

Russ Flowers, third sacker for the Torrance VFW Red Slo-pitch nine, was the big stick with three homers on five trips to bat in their meeting with Just For Fun Thursday night at McMaster Park although the Vets wound up with the short end of an 18-10 score. H. Brewer was winning pitcher and F. Fox and G. Mathews both homered for the J.F.F.'s.

The Pappageas nine scored seven runs, one a circuit trip by Novotney, on 14 hits while the Water Dept. tallied four on seven led by Glenn Mitchell's homer.

Pitcher Bob Thomas gave up ten runs on 14 hits as the North Torrance Lion's Club lost to the Fire Department "A's", 10-5 in the Black Slo-pitch play.

Pitcher Bill Reese held the Redondo Post Office nine to four runs on 11 hits as the Kenny's Shoe Repair squad scored a 11-4 win over the Postmen in Blue Slo-pitch action at Torrance Park. Herb Gould was the loser.

The eight team Church League saw a full slate of action as the Lutheran Angels downed the Rolling Hills Covenant, 12-3, as the Angels broke loose on a 17 hit barrage. Jerry Griffen was the winner; the loss was credited to Bill Wood. At Harbor Park, the Blvd. Assembly scored a 15-5 win over Hope Evangelical as Bob Bates and Ken Ratliff hit round trippers.

The Evangel Temple nine blanked the First Assembly, 19-0 on a one hit game by Pitcher Gene May. The Evangel Temple squad exploded for 12 hits and received a host of base on balls. Rus McDaniel hit the only homer in the game.

In the final Church Loop game, the Nazarene blanked the Seateria Oddballs to the tune of 16-0 as winner Little fired a two-hitter. The Nazarene nine connected for ten hits.

A full slate in the Industrial League produced wins for the Ryan Aeros on a wild scoring barrage, 21-1 on a two-hitter by winner Howard. Howard helped his own cause by connecting for a homer and John Matlock also circled the bases for the winners.

Harvey Aluminum scored a 5-4 victory over the Union Carbide nine with Gene Clark scoring the winning run in the top half of the last inning. Bob

Pioneer Loop Backs Top List of Optimist Gridiron Classic Teams

With a month to go until Coach Bob Shoup blows the whistle for the start of football practice, the North High coach has stated the Pioneer League seniors include the best set of graduating backs in the history of the league.

Shoup reported his 25-man all star football team is looking forward to its fourth annual Optimist game against the Bay League on July 18 at El Camino College.

Practice sessions will be held at Hawthorne High School commencing July 1, it was told by Shoup.

Bob was selected to coach the Pioneers League all stars after his Saxons shared the league championship with El Segundo and Morningside and were awarded the league's playoff berth in the CIF Southern California championship play.

When the All-Southern California football selections were

other guess coming," reports Shoup.

"They probably drew straws to determine which one should be on the All-CIF team," adding, "It just isn't in the cards for more than one or two backs from one league to make the team."

"In the Optimist game the kids should prove the point that our line won't be very big, but we will have plenty of forward speed," pointed out the young coach. Bob summarizes his view of the game situation by telling of no weaknesses on his team, just a contemplated dangerous passing attack by the Bay Leaguers.

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considered, four backs in the Pioneer League were outstanding prospects for recognition.

The foursome — Ernie Thomsen, Ken Del Conte, Carl Moore and Larry Balliett — are such outstanding graduates and college prospects that Shoup is ready to compare them as better than the South Shrine-Hi backfield of the past two or three years.

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